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BARBERSHOP NEWS

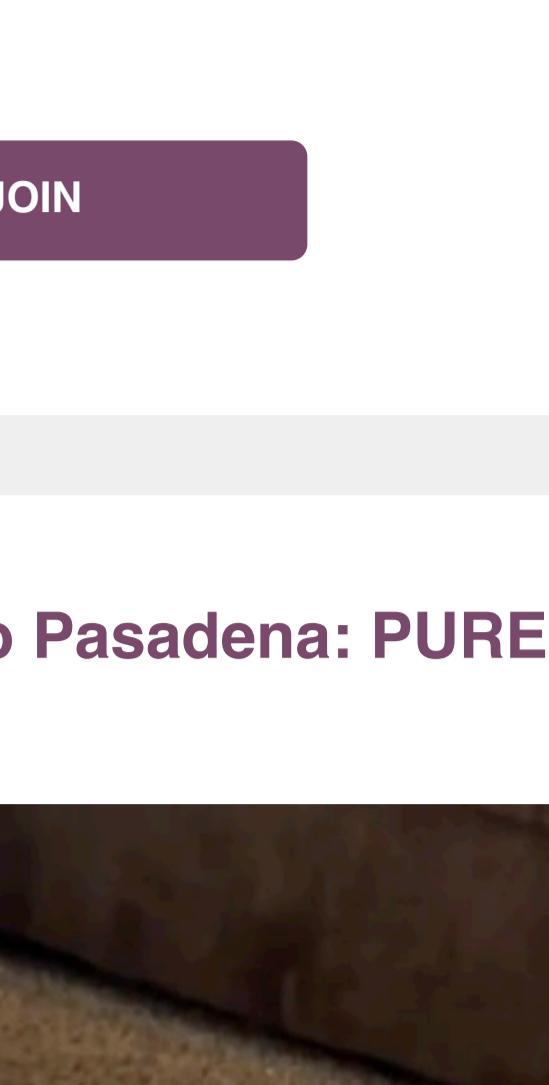
2026 INTERNATIONAL CHORUS CONTEST • ST. LOUIS

Meet your 2026 Dream Chorus director: Dr. Theo Hicks!

Compete in a big chorus, on barbershop's biggest stage! More than a showcase, the Dream Chorus is scored and ranked on the Official Scoring Summary, alongside all other qualifying choruses in the final results.

And YOU can be one of the singers!

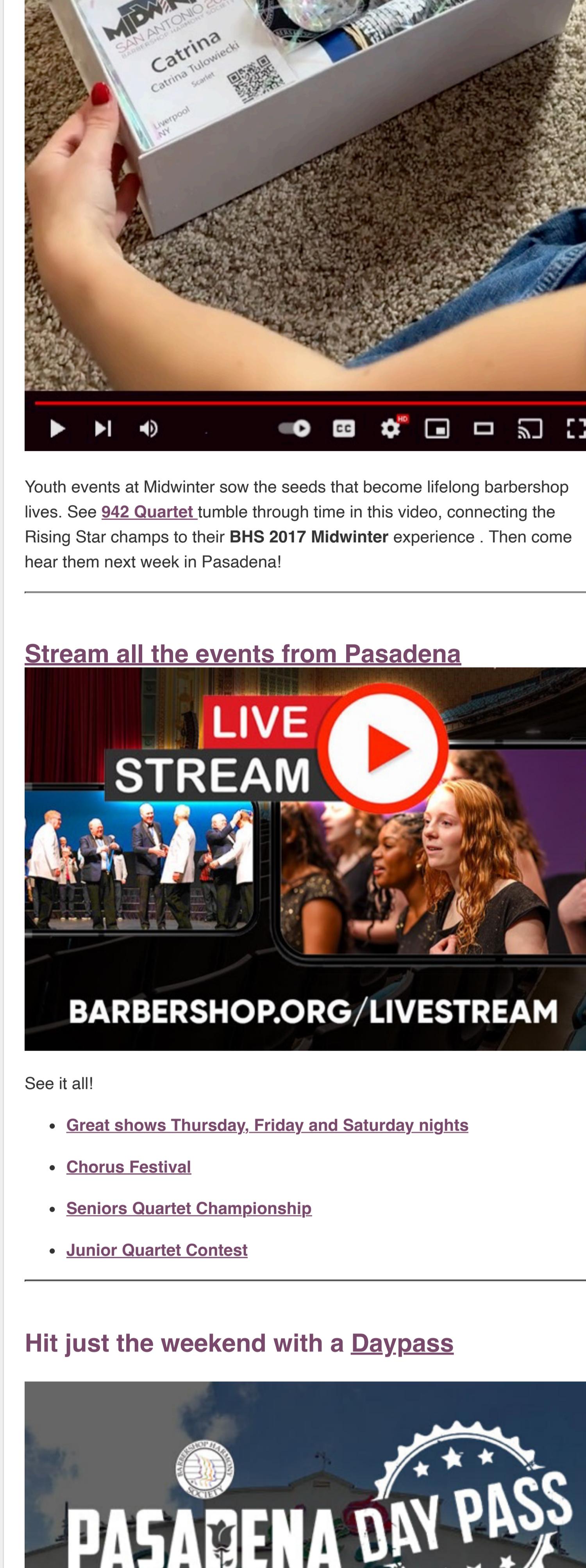
Leading vocal instructor, chorus director, and oh yeah, fantastic *Instant Classic* gold medalist lead **Theo Hicks** will be out front. The **Dream Chorus Experience** is a unique opportunity to learn from this widely sought-after arranger, coach and vocal instructor, then bring it to stage for a big crowd!



Registration is limited to 150 singers! Sign up as soon as possible, but no later than April 15, 2026!

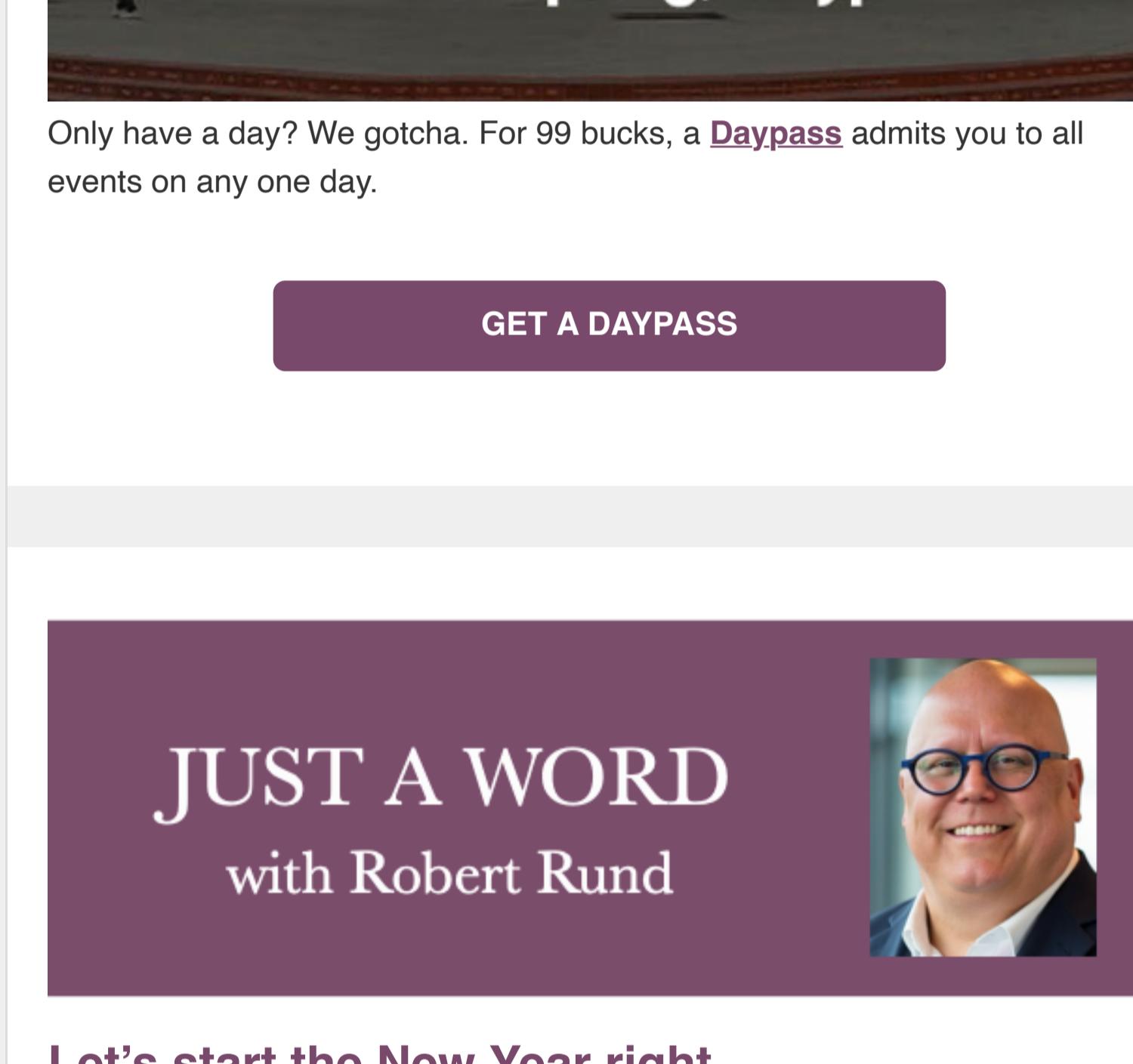
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Still more reasons to come to Pasadena: **PURE ENERGY**



Youth events at Midwinter sow the seeds that become lifelong barbershop lives. See 942 Quartet tumble through time in this video, connecting the Rising Star champs to their **BHS 2017 Midwinter** experience. Then come hear them next week in Pasadena!

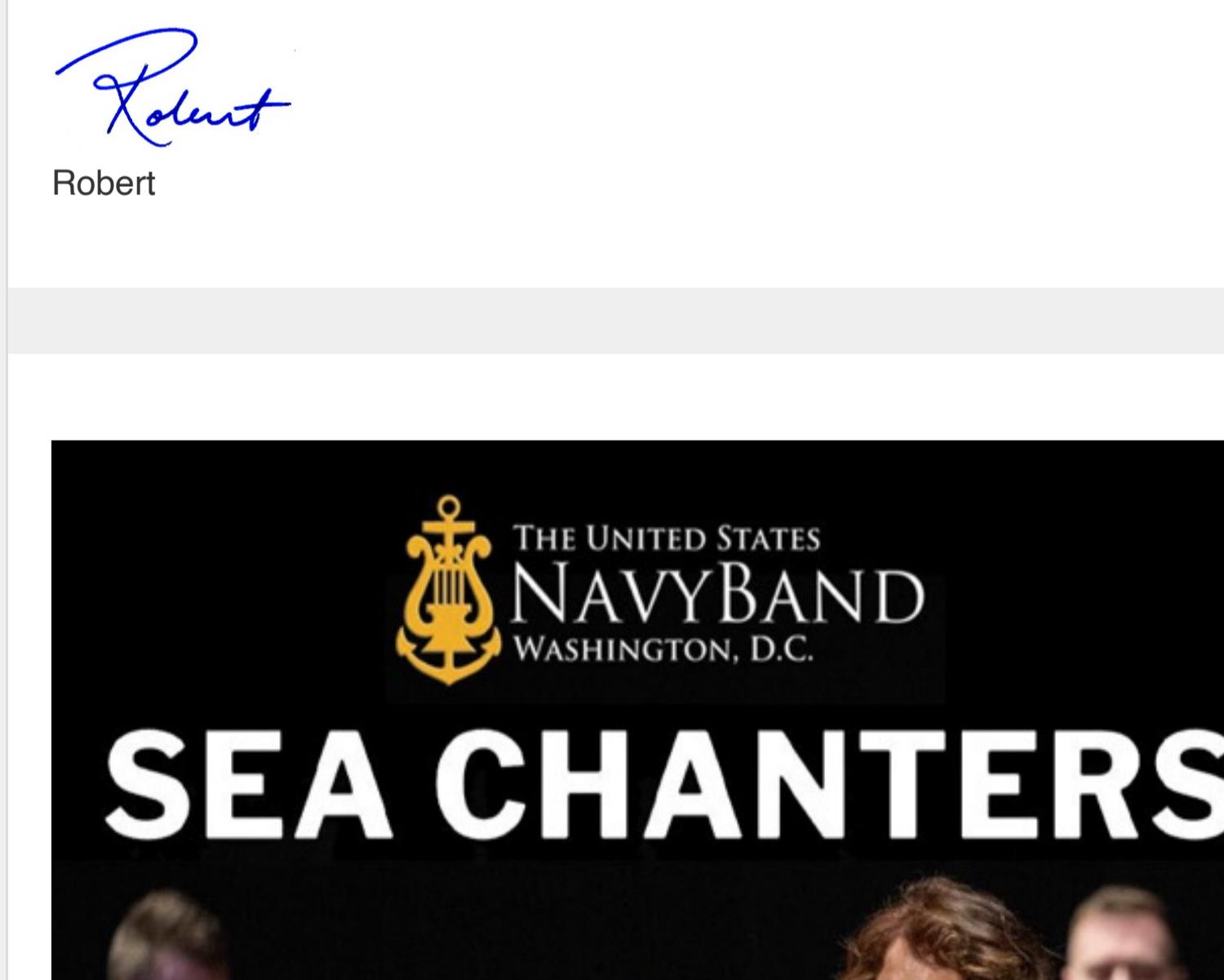
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- Chorus Festival
- Seniors Quartet Championship
- Junior Quartet Contest

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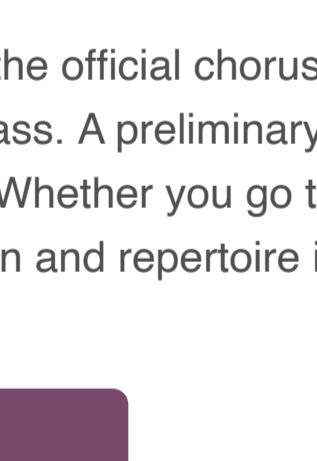


Only have a day? We gotcha. For 99 bucks, a **Daypass** admits you to all events on any one day.

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JUST A WORD

with Robert Rund



Let's start the New Year right

As I was thinking about the year ahead, a classic Bing Crosby tune came to mind...the simple idea of starting the new year right. That feels especially fitting for us as barbershoppers.

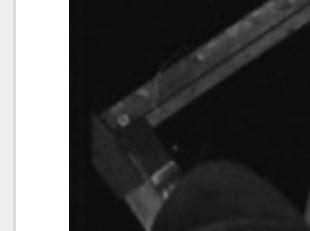
A new year isn't about perfection. It's about possibility. It's about the next rehearsal that lifts your spirits, the next tag that locks, the next performance that reminds you why you fell in love with this art form and community in the first place.

Whether you're a singer showing up on a cold winter night, a chorus building something special one rehearsal at a time, a chapter finding new ways to welcome voices, or a district dreaming bigger for the future — what you do matters. Every chord you sing strengthens this Society.

Let's make this a year of connection, growth, and joy in harmony. Keep singing, keep inviting, keep believing in what we can build together.

Let's start the New Year right — together.

In harmony,


Robert



SEA CHANTERS

TWO VACANCIES

BARITONE AND BASS VOCALIST

LIVE AUDITIONS IN PASADENA AT MIDWINTER!

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Audition for the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters Chorus at Pasadena

A unique career opportunity has opened up for singers: the official chorus of the U.S. Navy has open positions for a baritone and a bass. A preliminary audition event will be held at the Midwinter Convention. Whether you go to Pasadena, or other audition venues, we have full audition and repertoire info.

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We have 70 tuxedos to sell in a wide variety of sizes at a low price! We're offering coats, pants, shirts, and silver vests (with subtle shiny vertical stripe texture). All are in excellent condition.

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SONG OF THE WEEK

When I Fall In Love

arr. David Wright

Classic, loving song melody. Simple lyrics, has been fit

joined by great song stylized Doris Day,

Not Kono Tono, Once Upon a Time, and many more for

the SSAA, Treble, Alto, Bass choruses, and much more for

the TTBB. Also, "After Hours" and "After Hours 2" also sound great in TTBB [watch After Hours]

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